

## Public Meeting - Statewide Watershed Program Public Advisory Committee

Friday, April 25, 2008 1:30 – 3:00 PM Main Auditorium, Secretary of State's Office 1500 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA

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Statewide Watershed Program

The California Statewide Watershed Program Public Advisory Committee (Committee) has scheduled a public forum to provide an update on progress in developing an initial draft framework for the Statewide Watershed Program. The public is invited to attend to discuss the update with the Committee members.

California Resources Agency Secretary Mike Chrisman, appointed the 24-member Public Advisory Committee. They are to make recommendations to him on the development and conduct of a new Statewide Watershed Program (Program). The Committee also provides guidance and feedback on Program development and implementation, and the members serve as liaison with their regions.

The Committee has proposed in a draft purpose statement that the Program is "to advance sustainable watershed-based management of California's natural resources through community-based strategies." That statement and other elements of the Program are in response to the comments received in the dozens of regional conversations throughout the state.

The Committee and Program staff have nearly completed an initial series of public meetings within the ten major hydrologic regions of the State. More than twenty-five public meetings have been held at which hundreds of individuals from a variety of interests have attended to enter comments and ideas. The Committee has also received individual oral, written comments, as well as survey responses regarding development of the Statewide Watershed Program.

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Please contact Dan Wermiel (dan.wermiel@conservation.ca.gov) or Dennis Bowker (dennisbowker@volcano.net) with questions.

Thank you.

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